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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION UNDER  
37 C.F.R. 1.132

Sir:

Pursuant to a telephone conversation between the Examiner and undersigned counsel, in which an agreement was reached that the Examiner will enter the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 without requesting an RCE, applicant herewith submits the executed declaration.

If further assistance is needed, the Examiner is requested to telephone undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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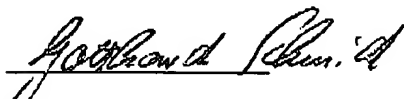
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Title: : Modular Printing Machine System for Printing on Sheets

**DECLARATION under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

The undersigned Gotthard Schmid, inventor of the invention of the instant application and one of the inventors of the cited prior art reference Schmid et al. (US Pat. No. 6,101,944), hereby declares:

Schmid et al. do not disclose a zoneless metering device. The reference sign 60 in Fig. 3 of Schmid et al. does not show a metering roller in contact with a dip roller. Rather, the reference sign 60 in Fig. 3 of Schmid et al. schematically shows an inking unit having an ink fountain with an appropriate ink fountain roller and a ductor roller cooperating with the ink fountain roller.

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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